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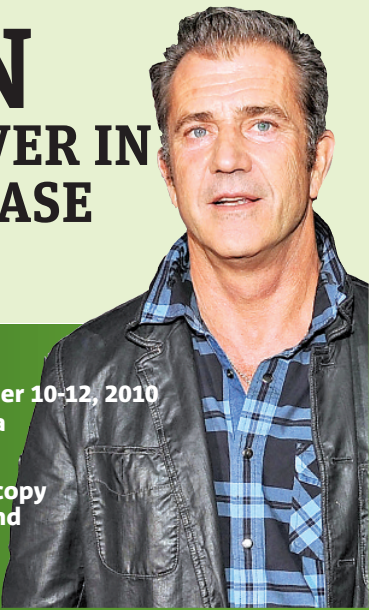

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Province to hold Pickton inquiry

Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs wants female judge appointed commissioner Pickton arrested in 2002 Remains or DNA of 33 women found during a search of his farm

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B.C. will hold a public inquiry into the Robert Pickton serial murder investigation and the manner in which police investigate missing-women cases, the province's attorney general announced Thursday.

A commissioner has not been named, nor the terms of the inquiry finalized.

"This is a situation in which upwards of 50 human beings went missing," said Attorney General Mike de Jong. "We believe many, if not all, of those individuals were murdered."

The announcement was greeted with approval by police, victim's families and women's rights groups.

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Report. Grad marriages

University of B.C. grads Elynn Ngu and Yukon Chen are engaged to be married.

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Like attracts like

The majority of women with a university education were married to men who also had a university education, according to a Statistics Canada report released Thursday that looked at marriage trends in 2006. University-educated men, too, are increasingly marrying partners who also have degrees. Story, page 10.

HST

Ministers backing Campbell

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Authorities look into discarded animals

Parks Canada and RCMP near Tofino are investigating the discovery of discarded animal parts found on the side of the road in Pacific Rim National Park.

In all, 35 kilograms of bear and deer meat, fish, and the hide and paws of a black bear were found.

It's not clear if the animals were caught in the park or if their remains were brought in from elsewhere and dumped.

It's illegal to hunt in the park.

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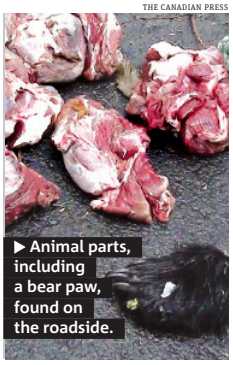

▶ Animal parts, including a bear paw, found on the roadside.

Teens may be charged in alleged cat killing

Three Kamloops teenagers could be charged with animal cruelty, six months after they allegedly beat a cat to death.

RCMP launched an investigation after someone wrote about the killing on Facebook.

If convicted, the teenagers could face a maximum of five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

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PNE. Prize home

▶ Cecilia Garcia, winner of the PNE Prize Home, tours the house with PNE president Michael McDaniel Thursday.

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A very, very grand prize

The 2010 Prize Home, the 76th in the history of the PNE, will be relocated to Kelowna in a new development overlooking Okanagan Lake. More than 128,313 ticket sheets were purchased during the annual summer fair. The prize also includes a hot tub and one year of housecleaning service.

Cabinet rallies around premier

- Comments came during first meeting after summer break in Victoria
- Campbell said the solidarity tells him to continue pushing forward

The B.C. government did a terrible job selling the harmonized sales tax to taxpayers, but that doesn't mean Premier Gordon Campbell should resign or take early retirement over the tax, several cabinet members said Thursday.

"The bottom line is we could not have done a worse job," said Health Minister Kevin Falcon about the government's introduction and implementation of the controversial tax.

"We really screwed up," he said.

"First we have to acknowledge to the public and apologize to the public for the terrible job we did explaining and rolling out the HST."

Petition

An anti-HST campaign led by former premier Bill Vander Zalm produced enough signatures to force a legislative committee to make a decision.

- One choice is to have MLAs vote on whether to withdraw the tax. Another is to have a public referendum.
- The committee meets again Monday.

Falcon, often touted as a potential Liberal leadership candidate, said he is not interested whatsoever in Campbell's job.

In July 2009, the B.C. government abruptly announced it would adopt the HST, just two months after the provincial election where the campaigning Liberals said they weren't interested in bringing in the tax.

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Health workers upset over gay blood ban

- The ban on gay men giving blood has been in effect since 1977
- Kyle Freeman, a gay man, was sued for lying about his sexual history

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A court ruling that upholds the ban on gay men donating blood reinforces the stigma that gay men have AIDS, according to the executive director of a Davie Street men's health centre.

Wayne Robert, of Health Initiative for Men, said Thursday's ruling in Ontario seems to focus more on sexual orientation than science, since not all gay men have AIDS.

"What I fear is that we're getting a false sense of security by saying 'let's not let any gay men donate blood,'" he said.

Dr. Graham Sher, Canadian Blood Services executive officer, said the priority is to protect the safety of blood recipients.

"Our policies are developed based on sound scientific facts about risk and are intended to reduce or pre-empt the introduction of those risks to recipients of blood products."

Monique Doolittle-Romas, director of the Canadian AIDS Society, said she was disappointed with the decision.

"It was very disturbing that the court saw this as a contest between safety and gay rights," said Doolittle-Romas. "In fact, we know through our work with HIV/AIDS that the only strategies that work are the ones that respect human rights."

Ban

Other reasons people are permanently banned from donating blood include:

- **Prostitution** Accepting money or drugs for sex since 1977.
- **Drug abuse** Sharing needles or taking street drugs by needle, even once.

Party gets out of hand

A drunken 16th-birthday party ended with four arrests at a Langley hall after someone called police to say the gathering had become "out of control," RCMP said.

"Needless to say, many poor decisions were made that evening," said Cpl. Holly Marks. "One of the individuals arrested initiated a fight in front of one of the officers. Another was arrested as he urinated beside the police vehicle."

Mounties found other intoxicated youth passed out behind the hall and beer bottles strewn all over the parking lot around rented hall.

"Parents are encouraged to exercise caution when choosing to host parties for young people," Marks said.

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News in brief

RCMP probe baby death

FOSTER CARE. Port Alberni RCMP are investigating the death of a six-month-old boy who died in foster care. It's unclear how the baby died and his name is being withheld until his family has been notified.

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Prince of Pot set to be sentenced on Friday

‘Free Marc Emery’ rallies will be held in cities around the world on Sept. 18 It will be the fourth rally since his arrest in 2005

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Marijuana activist Marc Emery is expected to be sentenced in a Seattle court early Friday afternoon.

Emery has been held in a maximum-security pre-trial facility since May 24 when he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to manufacture marijuana. He is expected to receive five years in a federal prison, the term agreed upon in his plea bargain.

There is a possibility, explained Marc’s wife Jodie Emery, that the judge could award a sentence of more or less than five years — nullifying the plea agreement and opening the door for either the prosecution or defence to take Emery’s charge to trial.

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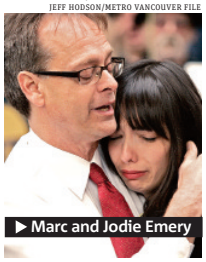

Marc and Jodie Emery

“We’re hoping for the five-year sentence,” said Jodie Emery, who plans to join other supporters outside the courthouse at noon, prior to the 1:30 p.m. sentencing. “If he gets anything else, we’ll have to proceed to trial, that will guarantee a much longer sentence.”

Following sentencing, Emery’s lawyer, Kirk Tousaw, will begin the process to get Emery transferred to a Canadian prison by dropping off a treaty transfer application at the Canadian consulate.

Emery, meanwhile, cannot apply to leave the U.S. until he arrives at federal prison, a process that could take months, Jodie said.

Victoria supports drug declaration

Victoria is now the second city in Canada, after Toronto, to officially back the Vienna Declaration, which calls for governments to ease up on strict law enforcement and instead develop drug policies based on scientific evidence.

Victoria City councillors voted Thursday to ratify their unanimous endorsement of the declaration, which was announced at the 2010 International AIDS conference in Vienna in July.

“Scientific evidence shows that drug use is a public health issue that cannot be resolved through excessive reliance on law enforcement,” said Victoria Coun. Philippe Lucas.

In Canada, the declaration has been signed by five chief provincial medical health officers and the Canadian Public Health Association.

“Future progress will require a rebalancing of efforts to ensure that prevention, treatment and harm minimization become primary policy strategies,” said Paul Hasselback, chair of the Health Officers Council of B.C.

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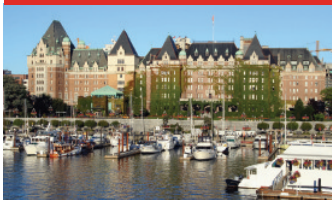

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Times change, as do excuses

Telling the teacher the dog ate the homework isn't often used anymore — there's a new list of creative excuses students give in the era of technology, according to online backup company Mozy.

They found from speaking to 500 teachers and 1,000 students that the average teacher hears 20 different homework excuses a week.

The study found modern day excuses for not handing in assigned homework include computer viruses, losing documents, and dried-up ink cartridges.

Generation tech

Top 5 common homework excuses in 2010:

1. "I emailed it to you but I got a bounce-back email."
2. "I finished my homework, but then deleted it by accident."
3. "My computer crashed and I lost my work."
4. "My Internet was down, so I couldn't do research."
5. "My printer broke."

JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

News in brief

Lawyer: Gov't dragging feet

MAPLE RIDGE. A lawyer for some of the 492 Tamils who arrived in B.C. last month is suggesting federal agencies are trying to drag out the identity checks on the migrants, thereby keeping them in jail longer.

Shepherd Moss, counsel for some of the migrants, told an Immigration and Refugee Board hearing Thursday that federal officials haven't been clear on exactly what documents they need to see for individuals to be set free.

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Vets assist oiled turtles

Vancouver veterinary techs head to New Orleans
BP will reimburse for cleanup expenses

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▶ Vancouver Aquarium veterinary technician Chelsea DeColle helps care for a turtle in New Orleans.

The Vancouver Aquarium is helping to send four of its veterinary technicians to Louisiana to help with the care of turtles injured in the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The first, Chelsea DeColle, spent two weeks in New Orleans in August volunteering medical care with the non-profit Audubon Nature Institute.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," DeColle said. "Unfortunate that it had to be a once in a lifetime opportunity because of the spill, but it was a great hands-on experience."

She helped feed and monitor 167 turtles (and one bottlenose dolphin) that were suffering from anemia, infections, even wounds from shark attacks.

Most of the animals were healthy, she said, and were in "maintenance mode," being fed, and weighed until it was deemed safe to return them to the sea. While she was there, from Aug. 18 to 30, more than two-dozen turtles were released and no other oiled turtles had been taken in.

Complaint against VPD could reopen

B.C.'s Police Complaint Commissioner is re-examining an eight-year-old complaint against Vancouver police for their handling of the Missing Women investigation. Commissioner Stan Lowe will examine the complaint but will withhold his decision on whether to re-open it until after the terms of a provincial inquiry into the Missing Women are released.

"He's waiting to see what the province does," said William MacDonald, the OPCC's senior investigative analyst.

The nature of the complaint is not known but contains "public trust and service or policy components," according to a letter that MacDonald wrote to the Vancouver Police Board. The complaint was filed against VPD in March 2002 but its investigation was suspended a month later to await the conclusion of the Pickton investigation.

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Women with degrees marry men with same

Opposites may attract, but compatibility lasts: Marriage specialist

Educated people want like partners: StatsCan

Women with university degrees are not only more likely to get married, but they are more likely to marry someone with a similar level of education, according to a Statistics Canada report released Thursday.

Despite being more financially independent, educated women are still interested in companionship and marriage hasn't gone out of fashion, said marriage counsellor Johanna Abraham.

"Women (nowadays) are no less interested in having families," added Abraham.

"Women (with degrees) have more power. They can be pickier, they're willing to wait."

Lasting relationships are ones that are compatible, she added.

When it comes to common-law relationships, university-educated women are less likely to be in one than women with a lower education.

The report also suggests that in less-committed relationships, financial matters were of lower significance than in committed relationships such as marriages.

"Expectations are higher in general in marriages," said marriage counsellor Kathy Marsden. "If things don't work out (financially), they can just leave."

Marsden added that women in less educationally homologous relationships don't mind being the breadwinner, but only if the partner does his fair share of the housework.

In the end, "it's all about compatibility," said Abraham. "Ambitious men prefer ambitious women," and vice versa. VANESSA YEE

Men

- In 2006, 67 per cent of married men with a university degree had a spouse with the same level of education, up from 38 per cent in 1981. The increase is likely due to a rise in the number of women graduating from university.

Women

- In 2006, among married women aged 25 to 49 with a university degree, about 64 per cent were married to men with the same level of education.

Bus route. Granville's got one

Mounted Vancouver police officers patrol Granville Street on Thursday.

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Bus service returns to Granville Mall

With the return of bus service to the Granville Mall, on-street parking will be increased on nearby Seymour and Howe streets with metres installed in what was until recently a buses-only lane. TransLink is reminding drivers that buses will operate on those streets on weekends, holidays and on evenings before a holiday starting at 9 p.m. People who park at those times may be towed.

News in brief

Police seek ATM thiefs

CRIME. RCMP are searching for suspects who tried to steal an ATM from a B.C. Ferries vessel and load it into a stolen boat in Langdale. The ATM fell into the water and suspects took off. KRISTEN THOMPSON

Air India perjury trial begins

COURT. A convicted bombmaker who told the Air India trial "I don't know," "I can't remember," "I can't recall," lied 19 times during testimony, a Crown lawyer said in his opening statement on Thursday. Inderjit Singh Reyat faces perjury charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Paramedics may lose benefits

LABOUR. B.C.'s paramedics union is up in arms over legislation it claims strips its 3,500 members of their benefits. Their contract is being transferred to the Provincial Health Services Authority, and the union will lose benefits in the previous deal without any bargaining. KRISTEN THOMPSON

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Google second to Facebook

U.S. web surfers are spending more time on Facebook than on Google's family of sites, according to new data from researchers at comScore Inc.

It says people spent a total of 41.1 million minutes on Facebook — or about 9.9 per cent of their web-surfing minutes for the month.

That just surpassed the 39.8 million minutes, or 9.6 per cent, people spent on all Google sites combined, including YouTube.

U.S. web users spent 37.7 million minutes on Yahoo sites, or 9.1 per cent of their time, putting Yahoo third in terms of time spent browsing.

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Envoy to fight migrant ships

The federal government is dispatching a former spy chief to Asia as a special envoy on human smuggling.

The aim is to help prevent more migrant ships from arriving in Canada.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says former Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Ward Elcock will visit Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries.

500 In August, the MV Sun Sea showed up off Vancouver Island with almost 500 Tamil passengers on board, fleeing Sri Lanka via Thailand.

Kenney, in the middle of an Asian tour, plans to tack an Australian stop onto his trip to see an asylum processing centre.

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Will he burn? Pastor flip-flops on Qur'an

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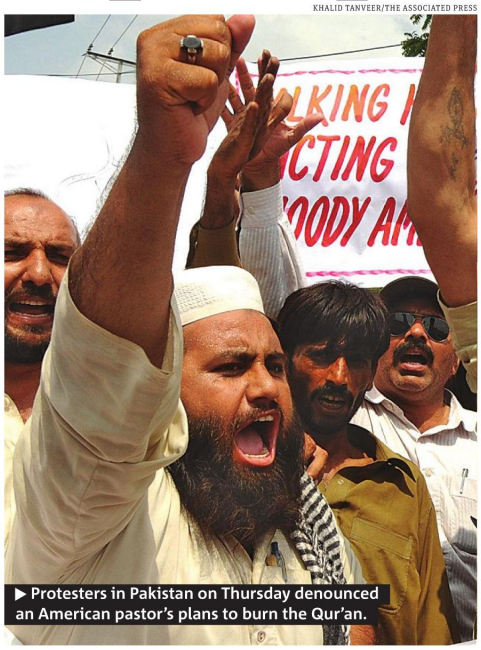

▶ Protesters in Pakistan on Thursday denounced an American pastor's plans to burn the Qur'an.

But imam denies claim of a deal over the Ground Zero mosque

An anti-Islamic preacher backed off burning the Qur'an — but then threatened to reconsider.

Rev. Terry Jones angrily accused a Muslim leader of lying to him Thursday with a promise to move an Islamic centre and mosque away from New York's Ground Zero.

The imam planning the centre denied there was ever such a deal.

Jones generated an international firestorm with his plan to burn the Qur'an on Saturday, the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Standing outside his Pentecostal church in Gainesville, Fla., alongside Imam Muhammad Musri, president of the Islamic Society of Central Florida, Jones said he relented when Musri assured him the New York mosque will be moved.

Later, after Musri and the leader of the New York mosque denied an agreement, Jones said Musri "clearly, clearly lied to us."

Jones said: "So as of right now, we are not cancelling the event, but we are suspending it."

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Right or wrong?

Who's right — Rev. Terry Jones or Imam Muhammad Musri?

▶ Musri said there's no deal to move the Ground Zero mosque. He said there's only an agreement for him and Jones to travel to New York to meet with the imam overseeing the plans.

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Mosque dispute casts shadow on 9-11 anniversary

Muslim-American community centre still far from reality But it's become an incendiary political topic

Saturday marks the ninth anniversary of the 9-11 terror attacks on the United States. But this year the focus lies two blocks north of Ground Zero outside the planned Muslim-American community centre where a big protest is scheduled. Rally leader Pamela Geller expects "many thousands."

The blogs overflow with anger, the attacks from politicians like Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich become increasingly bitter, and U.S. President Barack Obama's endorsement seems ever more half-hearted. The target? Mayor Michael Bloomberg's support for the so-called Park51 — the master building for the controversial Ground Zero mosque.

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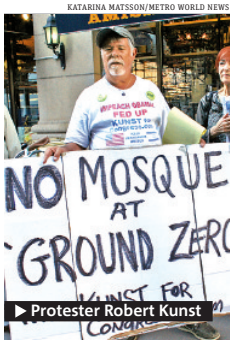

▶ Protester Robert Kunst

And the rally planned for Saturday's anniversary of 9-11 is threatening to explode in violence.

Conservative blogger and anti-Islam activist Geller, one of the centre's loudest opponents and co-founder of Stop Islamization of America, told Metro she expects many thousands to participate Saturday. The rally will begin at Park51 after the conclusion of the official memorial service.

Gina Shadid, a 27-year-old graduate student at Columbia University and a supporter of Park51, says there will be counter protests. "I think it's really disrespectful. We didn't want to plan something, but we need to counteract all that negative energy."

KATARINA MATSSON

Muslim firefighter recalls 9-11

For firefighter Hisham Tawfiq, Sept. 11, 2001, will always be a moment frozen in time.

Tawfiq arrived after the two jets had smashed into the upper storeys of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan, killing close to 3,000 people. He watched nearby Building 7 collapse under debris falling from the WTC.

Tawfiq is a passionate Muslim, whose father was an imam.

KATARINA MATSSON

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"It's one of those defining moments in history. There's an undercurrent of change."

FIREFIGHTER HISHAM TAWFIQ

▶ "It's important because people's feelings about Muslims are coming out," says Gina Shadid, a Park51 supporter.

BACKERS OF PARK51 REGRET FIRESTORM

The backers of a proposed Islamic centre near Ground Zero are expressing regrets about creating a firestorm with a plan they thought would be simple and non-controversial.

Hisham Elzanaty, an Egyptian-born businessman who says he provided a majority of the financing to gain control over the two buildings where the centre would be built, told The Associated Press he has always viewed the project primarily as an investment opportunity, and would sell some of the site if the price is right.

And the imam slated to lead the spiritual component of the centre told CNN that if he had realized how some Americans would react to the location, he would have picked some other spot.

"If I knew this would happen, if it would cause this kind of pain, I wouldn't have done it," Feisal Abdul Rauf said.

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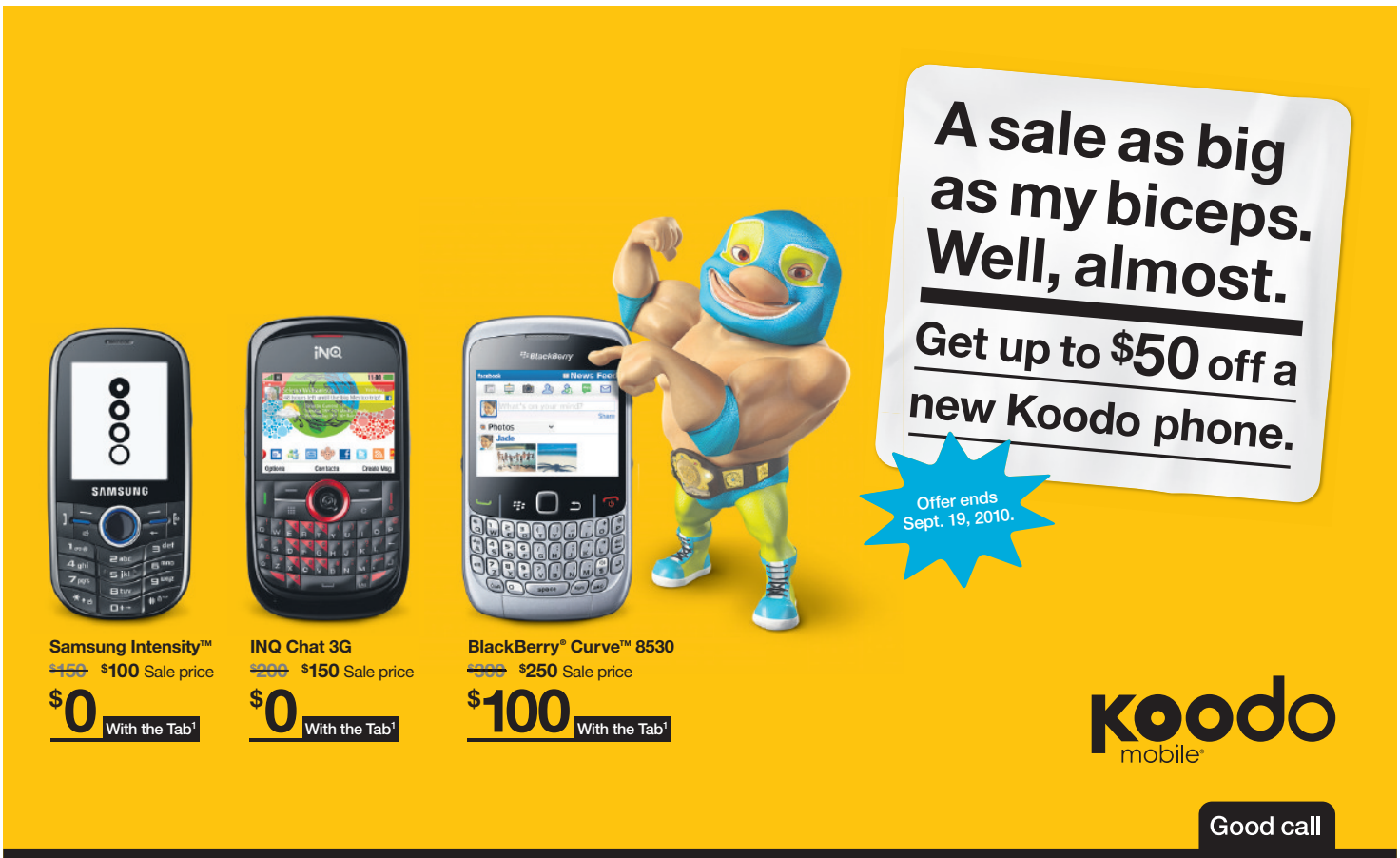

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COLORADO WILDFIRE

Fire may hit heart of Boulder

A Colorado wildfire that already has destroyed 170 homes showed no signs of relenting Thursday as wind gusts of more than 64 km/h threatened to drive the flames eastward from the Rocky Mountain foothills and into the heart of Boulder, where some residents were warned to be ready to flee.

Officials worried about a repeat of the devastation in the foothills, where neighbourhoods once filled with million-dollar homes and scenic mountain cabins have become piles of smoking rubble. On one lot, all that survived was a tennis court. On others, all that's left are crumbling, ash-covered foundations.

Authorities told Boulder's west-side residents to prepare to evacuate.

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Running of the bulls turns fatal

Officials say a 48-year-old woman has died at a running-of-the-bulls event in central Spain. A statement issued by local authorities in the town of Arganda del Rey says Maria del Carmen Lopez del Burgo died after she was struck in the head by a passing bull on Thursday.

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Did fear of curse kill tax law?

Romanian senators have rejected a proposed law whereby witches and fortune tellers would have to produce receipts, and would also be held liable for wrong predictions. One of the proposal's authors claimed lawmakers were frightened of being cursed.

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Dad's long-awaited reunion still on hold

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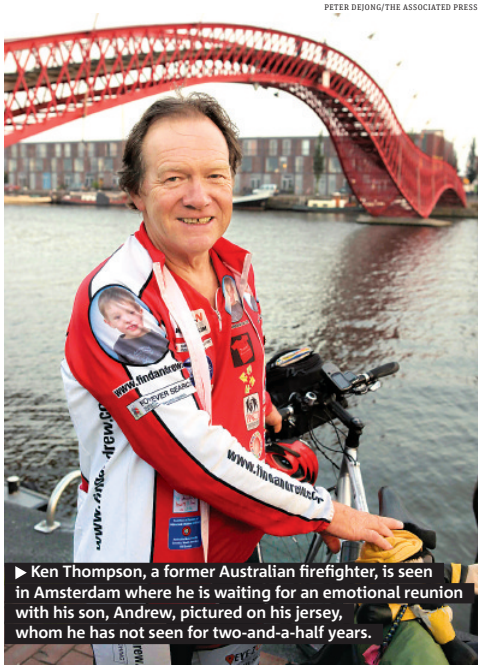

▶ Ken Thompson, a former Australian firefighter, is seen in Amsterdam where he is waiting for an emotional reunion with his son, Andrew, pictured on his jersey, whom he has not seen for two-and-a-half years.

Email tip that led to son's recovery arrived on Australian Father's Day

A former Australian firefighter who toured Europe on a bicycle to highlight the hunt for his missing son said Thursday he will have to wait a little longer for an emotional reunion after the six-year-old was taken into care and the mother who allegedly abducted him was arrested.

"We need to work out some plan for me to be reintroduced to Andrew that will not cause him too much distress," Ken Thompson said of his son.

He said it could be "a couple of days" before he sees his son again.

Thompson said earlier that he was still processing the joy of hearing Andrew had been tracked down and taken into foster care in Amsterdam. Police in the city arrested his wife, Melinda, on Monday.

"If we don't manage this carefully, it could cause more harm than good. Andrew has not seen me for two-and-a-half years."
KEN THOMPSON

A spokeswoman for prosecutors said an Australian woman was arrested on an international warrant and jailed while authorities await an extradition request. She declined to give further details or release the woman's identity because of Dutch privacy rules, but did say that "there is a minor involved ... a six-year-old son."

Police declined to comment on the case.

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Iran to free one jailed American for Ramadan

During Islamic holy month, Muslims participate in charitable giving Eid al-Fitr marks end of Ramadan

Iran said it will free one of three Americans jailed for more than a year on Saturday in a clemency to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The Culture Ministry sent a text message to reporters telling them to come to a Tehran hotel to witness the release. It is the same hotel where the three were allowed the only meeting with their mothers since they were detained in July 2009.

"Offering congratulations on Eid al-Fitr," the message said referring to the holiday marking the end of the fasting month. "The release of one of the detained Americans will be at Saturday, 9 a.m. at the Estaghlal hotel." It is common in the Islamic world to mark the Eid al-Fitr holiday by showing clemency and releasing prisoners.

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Ramadan. Celebrations

▶ An overloaded passenger train passes through Tongi railway station on the outskirts of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Thursday.

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Heading home for the holidays

Thousands of Bangladeshi Muslims are heading home to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, a Muslim feast marking the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

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Extra weeks of EI payments coming to end

Provinces argue money is still needed to stimulate economy ◗ $600M for training also gone

Workers who lose their jobs next week will receive less employment insurance.

As of Saturday, Ottawa will cancel an extra five weeks of regular EI benefits and end a program that provided up to an additional 20 weeks of benefits for longer-serving employees.

For older workers who suddenly find themselves unemployed after years of long-term service, this is a crushing blow, says Ontario's Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Monique Smith.

"Pull that support from these families and it is a real hurt."
MONIQUE SMITH, ONTARIO MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Last year, Prime Minister Stephen Harper enhanced regular EI benefits for laid-off workers by five weeks in response to the crippling of Canada's job market during the economic downturn. Ottawa also enhanced benefits for longer-serving employees by up to 20 weeks.

Five weeks of benefits roughly equals $1,768 on average — EI claims are based on 55 per cent of a person's income. Twenty weeks is a lost $7,072.

The EI clawback is nationwide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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New player in Quebec

Videotron officially entered the Quebec mobile communications market yesterday.

THE FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK WILL SAVE US

Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

Want to help the environment? Here's my solution.

I recycle and I compost. I don't own a car. I work from home, which reduces my carbon footprint. And like many of you, I hope clean energies will soon power our economies.

But let's not kid ourselves.

Nine-tenths of all the energy we use is still produced from carbon-based sources like coal, oil and natural gas.

Electricity can be produced from wind, but electricity plays only a small role in our transportation system. Denmark is thought of as a country that runs on wind turbines. Even in that country, though, hydrocarbons account for nearly 48 times as much energy as wind, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Solar power is still far too expensive. It costs up to $0.20 to produce one kilowatt-hour of electricity last year, whereas generating electricity with natural gas cost between $0.02 and $0.10.

Electric cars? Gasoline has 50 to 80 times the energy density — energy per unit of volume — of the best available lithium-ion battery. Gasoline engines will continue to dominate the market for decades.

The day renewable energies will replace oil is still far away.

But don't despair. I have a solution to start helping the environment right away: The four-day work week. One fewer day per week of traffic, lights, computers and elevators soaking up energy.

But the economy sucks, you say. People are losing their jobs. And most Canadian companies are small businesses — with fewer than 10 employees, it's hard to do without one's sole receptionist on Fridays.

I hear you. So I thought of one group that could start the movement: Politicians. They love to spend our money on laws, programs and subsidies that cater to interest groups. If politicians only work four days, lobbyists will also have to reduce their work week. Mother Nature will be happy.

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Taxpayers, too. My own provincial government recently spent $732 million on subsidies — mostly to multinational corporations — in just one week. Actually, it was a four-day week because of a holiday. Imagine if they had had five!

Colour me cynical, but I believe that the less politicians work, the less damage they cause.

We can act now for planet Earth. Let's adopt the four-day work week for politicians. The environment — and your wallet — will feel better.

David Descôteaux is a freelance economic journalist and an associate researcher at the Montreal Economic Institute.

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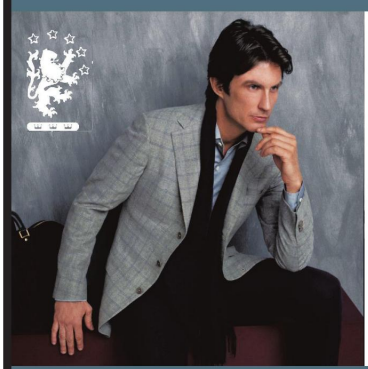

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▶ Precious Chong

5 MINUTES WITH: PRECIOUS CHONG

Precious Chong, the daughter of marijuana icon Tommy Chong — of Cheech and Chong fame — is taking her Yugoslavian alter ego to the Vancouver International Fringe Festival stage this weekend for a new kind of cable access show, Zdenka Now!

Why take part in the festival?
I didn't get into the Vancouver Fringe last year, but I did my show at the Toronto Fringe and the Winnipeg Fringe the year before. A lot of my family is in Vancouver and my parents have a house up here, so I wanted to do it on the West Coast so they could see it.

Why should people watch Zdenka Now!?
It's funny and weird and entertaining. I based my five characters on people I've met in my day-to-day life in Toronto. Zdenka is a real person. She's a former Yugoslavian talk show host and she calls herself the Yugoslavian Oprah. When I met her she was a background performer on a Scotiabank commercial I did and I was like, who is this lady? She saw the show at the Toronto Fringe and she really liked it, thank God!

What's your relationship like with your famous dad?
We're pretty close now. Ever since I started writing and performing, we've found that common ground to bond. When he went to jail, ironically enough, that bonded us more because I wrote him a lot of letters and he really liked getting them. I was influenced by my dad's performances but also went against it because I didn't want to be like my dad. I wanted to be different.

Did he ever tell you not to smoke up?
He fully encouraged it! I was the boring straight girl, and my brothers were way more into it than I was, but I did get stoned with my dad once during university and he was so happy!

What's something people don't know about you?
I'm a stilt walker. I used to be in a group called Girls On Stilts. I've performed with Jane's Addiction at the Hollywood Bowl and all my best friends are in the troupe. After Fringe I'll be doing a role as a circus performer in the HBO Canada series Living In Your Car and you'll see me on stilts for sure.

JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Flap those arms, men

Worth mentioning

John Travolta was onto something. Women are most attracted to male dancers who have big, flamboyant moves similar to the actor's trademark style, British scientists report in a new study.

Kris McCarty and colleagues at Northumbria University and the University of Gottingen in Germany asked 19 men aged 18 to 35 who were not professional dancers to dance in a laboratory for one minute to a basic drum rhythm. They filmed the men's movements with a dozen cameras, and then turned those movements into computer-generated avatars so the study could focus on moves, not appearances.

Scientists then showed the dancing avatars to 37 women, who rated their skills on a scale of 1 to 7. According to the women, the best dancers were those who had a wide range of dance moves and focused on the head, neck and torso.

Rufus Johnstone, a reader in the evolution of animal behaviour at Cambridge University, said there are similarities between animal mating rituals and what happens in modern dance clubs.

"There are lots of cues females use when choosing a mate, like a peacock puffing out its tail," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All the right moves

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Metro Minute at home, design show

With rain in the forecast this weekend, why not stay inside and get caught up on all that's making headlines in the interior design industry at the 2010 Vancouver Home + Interior Design Show. The hosts of several HGTV shows, including renovation guru Bryan Baemler from Disaster DIY, will be on hand offering tips and tricks at scheduled seminars.

There will also be a cooking stage, presentations on high-tech industry innovations and trends, and B.C. Hydro will have a booth with tips on how to "green" your home. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 if bought online. For more information, visit vancouverhomeshow.com.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Three days to play

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Marco Febbraio
VANCOUVER
Yes. He should resign simply because he implemented the HST so badly.

▶ Carey Mulligan, left, stars in Never Let Me Go with Keira Knightly, centre.

Mulligan excited for 'biggest part' yet

Oscar nominee badly wanted role in Never Let Me Go after reading the popular book the movie is based on Actress enjoyed bringing life to a character she fell in love with

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Carey Mulligan is the first to admit that her latest film, the adaptation of Kazuo Ishiguro's Never Let Me Go, was a role very close to her heart, as she fell in love with the novel before an film was even planned. Nominated for an Oscar last year for her performance in An Education, 25-year-old Mulligan is quickly developing an impressive resume. She sat down with Metro to discuss the themes of the novel, playing a part she never thought she'd get and ignoring the noise of awards season.

Were you a fan of the book before auditioning?

Yes. My mum was a big Ishiguro fan, and I read it immediately after her. I loved it, and didn't really think it was a part I could get because of all the usual reasons. So when it came around, to get to audition for it was huge for me. It was sort of the biggest part I'd auditioned for — and kind of the best phone call I'd ever had when I got the job.

So why do you think the characters don't run away?

I don't see any reason why they would, having kind of briefly lived in that world. You know, they're brought up to believe if they leave the confines of their school, it's certain death. There's nothing out there that's better than what they have, in their minds.

We're heading into awards season again soon. How is living in that world so early in your career?

It sort of feels like that's somehow always the ultimate goal, and for me that's not the ultimate goal. It's sort of like the only merit you can have as a film is if you win an award, and I think the merit you have with the film is if you take a book that people love and you make a film that's faithful to that book and doesn't hurt the book and tell a story that moves people in whatever way.

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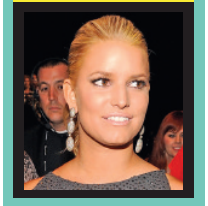

Jessica Simpson took her seat as guest judge at Thursday's Project Runway show at New York Fashion Week in a super-short, sparkly silver minidress.

Ten aspiring designers showed their collections to Simpson, Heidi Klum, Michael Kors and Nina Garcia, although several knew they already didn't make the cut and won't be the Season 8 winner. Extra designers needed to participate to keep secret the winners and losers of episodes that haven't yet aired.

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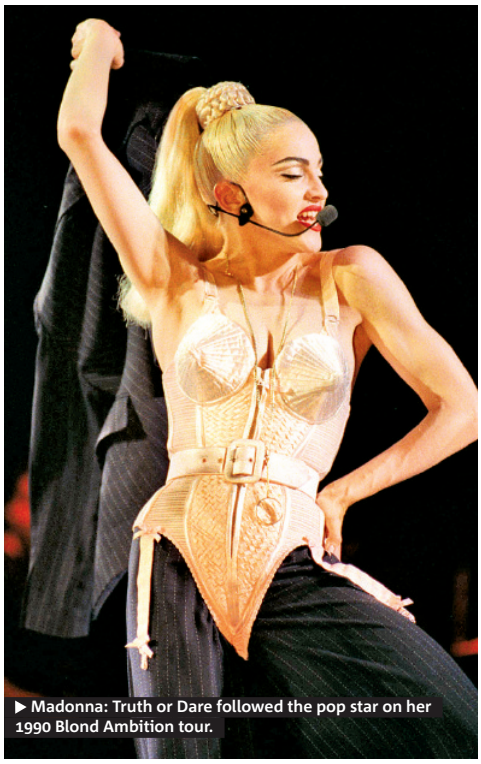
Japanese cult director Miike remakes samurai classic 'Thirteen Assassins' for new generation

Music docs that top the charts


▶ Madonna: Truth or Dare followed the pop star on her 1990 Blond Ambition tour.

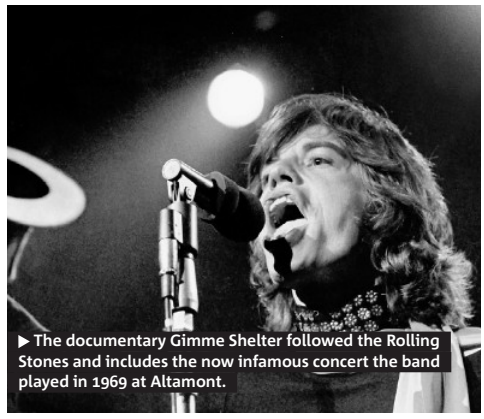
Get a fascinating look behind the music with five of the best true stories on musicians Sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll and everything in between

There are music documentaries that are all about the music — concert films that focus solely on the artistry and thrill of live performance — and then there are juicy ones that are all about backstage ego and volatility.

I'm Still Here, which follows Joaquin Phoenix's tumultuous transformation from Oscar-nominated actor to shaggy, doughy rapper, would seem to fall into the latter category — if it truly is a documentary, that is, and not an elaborate put-on. Here are some other examples of serious rock-star behaviour:

Bob Dylan: Don't Look Back

A classic from legendary documentarian D.A. Pennebaker, this behind-the-scenes look at the 23-year-old Dylan set the standard for this kind of film. It's got all that famous imagery: the black-and-white verite photography, Dylan standing there tossing away cue cards with the lyrics to Subterranean Homesick Blues.


▶ The documentary Gimme Shelter followed the Rolling Stones and includes the now infamous concert the band played in 1969 at Altamont.

I Am Trying to Break Your Heart

Visually similar to Don't Look Back with its grainy, black-and-white cinematography, this documentary began life as an up-close depiction of the Chicago band Wilco as it stood on the brink of stardom. It ended up being an indictment of the corporations that run the recording industry. Led by singer-songwriter Jeff Tweedy, the band records its fourth album, Yankee Hotel Foxtrot, only to reach an impasse with the label over its content.

Metallica: Some Kind of Monster

A riveting look at a turbulent time in the monstrously popular metal band's history. You don't have to be a Metallica fan to enjoy this movie (though there are plenty of recording sessions to watch if you are). Through the group's brutally honest therapy sessions, filmmakers Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky tell a story of loyalty, communication, redemption and the challenges that come with continuing a career in your 40s.

Gimme Shelter

Another classic from another legendary documentarian, Albert Maysles. Here, the volatility doesn't just exist backstage, it permeates every scene, swelling as the film leads up to its explosive climax: the Rolling Stones' concert at Altamont, where a clash between Hell's Angels and fans results in death. Maysles follows the band's 1969 tour, and the feeling of dread is inescapable; the fact that we know what's coming at the end in no way depletes it of its suspense.

Madonna: Truth or Dare

A striking mix of black and white with bursts of colour during the concert scenes, which seems fitting for Madonna, given the dramatically fluctuating images of herself she presents to the world. Director Alek Keshishian follows Madonna on her grueling 1990 Blond Ambition tour and provides many of the moments we've come to associate with the pop star.

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COOK spaghetti as directed on package, omitting salt.

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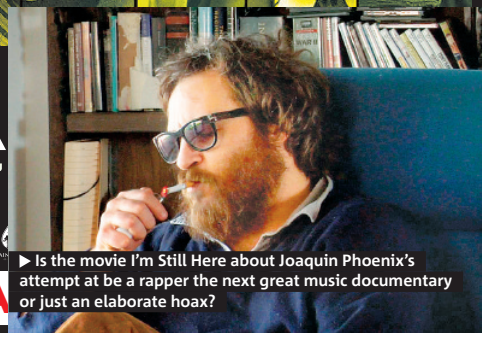
▶ Is the movie I'm Still Here about Joaquin Phoenix's attempt at be a rapper the next great music documentary or just an elaborate hoax?

Night raises the Devil

Shyamalan gives up director's chair for latest thriller ◗ Filmmaker prefers fun scary over trauma scary

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▶ In Devil, five strangers are trapped in an elevator and one of them is hiding a dark secret.

Filmmaker M. Night Shyamalan has made a career out of assaulting audiences' nerves with his tense and twisting thrillers, and now for the new film Devil he's called in reinforcements. Shyamalan serves as Devil's producer and story creator while bringing the Dowdle brothers (Quarantine) on board to handle directing duties. Opening next Friday, the film tells the tale of five strangers trapped in an elevator and struggling to uncover which of them hides a diabolical secret before time runs out.

Originally intending to direct Devil himself, Shyamalan was impressed with the Dowdles' interpretation: "They just made a really scary movie, which I guess is the bottom line. And it's the fun scary. You know how there's like, trauma scary? That's not what this is. You'll actually be giggling at yourself because you're jumping so much. That was really our goal. After seeing Quarantine, I said I wanted that level of fun ride to Devil."

Devil will be the first in a planned series of films called The Night Chronicles, in which other directors and screenwriters will work with story outlines provided by Shyamalan. "I'm always choosing one (idea) over the other for myself to make, but I really want to tell these stories, so I thought, 'Let's go out and get some great filmmakers to help,'" he explains.

After Shyamalan's last outing, the more family-oriented The Last Airbender, he's eager to jump back into the fright business. "It's kind of cool to have a family movie come out and then Devil, which is the sort of movie I would love to go see myself. I'm a tension junkie, a crack addict for suspense," he laughs.

No remake

Dreading the possibility of an unnecessary "reimagining" for Shyamalan's 1999 hit The Sixth Sense? Fear not, this is one classic title that will remain tamper-proof. Shyamalan assures Metro that he accepted a reduced paycheque at the time of filming in order to retain all rights to his Sixth Sense screenplay and that he's none too keen on ever seeing it remade.

Movie review See it twice ◍◍◍◍◍ | See it now ◍◍◍◍ | Worth watching ◍◍◍ | Yawn ◍◍ | Don't bother ◍

The Virginity Hit
Genre: Comedy
Directors: Andrew Gurland and Huck Botko
Stars: Matt Bennett, Zack Pearlman
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A teen-comedy mockumentary for the YouTube age, The Virginity Hit originated from a video posted on producers Will Ferrell and Adam McKay's website Funnyordie.com featuring budding comedian Zack Pearlman.

In the video, Pearlman films and posts online all aspect of his three best friends' teenage lives, including his friend Matt's efforts to lose his virginity to his girlfriend Nicole. But After discovering she's cheated on him, Matt embarks on a road to self-discovery and Internet humiliation via his staggeringly inept attempts to sleep with total strangers.

Of course, we've all been here before, but writer-directors Andrew Gurland and Huck Botko are able to build real characters that people can identify with.

IAN GORMELY

Winnebago Man
Genre: Comedy
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Stars: Jack Rebney, Ben Steinbauer
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In 1989, Jack Rebney's expletive-laden tirades cut from a motorhome company's industrial video wound their way across the country via VHS tapes and internet video, making him a pop culture poster boy for bad days. In a "where are they now" moment, director Ben Steinbauer elects to track him down, documenting the life behind a viral video subject. Results aren't always as expected, however. The reclusive 80 year-old was unaware of his infamy and uses the film for political tirades. Still, Winnebago Man is stunning; an endearing peek into one man's dreadful day and its decades-long, universal resound. Moreover, it sheds great light on the reality behind those ephemeral misfortune outtakes we rely on for personal entertainment.

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

The Human Body (STC) Thu 11-3
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Wed
To the Limit (STC) Thu 12-2-4
The Ultimate Wave Tahiti (STC) Thu 1-5

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Listings not available at press time.

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

The American (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:10-9:30
Flipped (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:25
I Am Love (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:50-9:15
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:50
Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work (PG) Fri-Sun 2-7:20 Mon 2 Tue-Thu 2-7:20
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-9:10

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Animal Kingdom (14A) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:05
Flipped (G) Fri 6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
The Girl Who Played With Fire (18A) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:20
Heiran (G) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:05
The Kids Are All Right (14A) Fri 6:55-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:55-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10
Takers (14A) Fri-Sun 7-9:25 Mon 5:45-8:15 Wed-Thu 5:45-8:15
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri 7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:25

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

The Karate Kid (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Robin Hood (14A) Fri 9:55 Sat-Sun 3:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 9:55

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Going the Distance (14A) DTS Digital Fri 7:15-9:40 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:50-7:15-9:40 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:15-8:15
Machete (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 4:40-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) DTS Digital Fri 6:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:25-6:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5
The Switch (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Sun 9:20 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 8

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

12 Takes (STC) Mon 7:30
Cartographies (STC) Mon 9
Jour de fête (STC) Thu 7:15
Life With Murder (STC) Wed 7:30
Mr. Hulot's Holiday (STC) Thu 9:05
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
School for Postmen (STC) Thu
Vancouver Latin American Film Festival (STC) Fri-Sun
Watch Your Left (STC) Thu
A Window Looking In (STC) Mon

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Countdown to Zero (STC) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

The American (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Howard the Duck (STC) Fri
The Room (STC) Fri 12

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

The American (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:50
BBC Last Night Of The Proms 2010 (STC) Sat 11:30
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7-10:15
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:50-10:30
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:40
Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rolling Stones (PG) Thu 7
Machete (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:30-10:10
Piranha 3D (18A) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:40 Thu 4:15-9:40
Resident Evil: Afterlife (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:20-10
Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:20
Salt (PG) Fri 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:30 Sat 3:55-6:40-9:30 Sun-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:30

▶ Machete, starring Danny Trejo, opened across Canada last weekend.

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:25-9:45
Get Low (PG) Fri-Thu 3-5:30-8-10:30
Going the Distance (14A) Fri-Thu 2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:20-5:35-7:50-10
Life During Wartime (14A) Fri-Thu 3:05-5:25-7:55-10:25
The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Thu 2:25-5:7:40-10:20
Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG) Fri-Wed 1-2:10-3:30-4:50-6:10-7:30-8:50-10:10 Thu 1-2:10-3:30-4:50-7:30-8:50-10:10
Soul Kitchen (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:15-9:40
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:25-7-9:35 Wed 1:40-4:25-9:35 Thu 1:40-4:25-7-9:35
Winnebago Man (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:05-9:20

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Sun Wed-Thu
Only When I Dance (STC) Mon-Tue 6:30-8

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Going the Distance (14A) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20
Inception (PG) Fri 7:40 Sat-Sun 2-7:40 Mon-Thu 7:40
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10
Resident Evil: Afterlife (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:40
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri 7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:25-3:50-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

The American (14A) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-7:15-9:50 Mon-Tue 7:15-9:50 Wed 7:15-9:45 Thu 7:15-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
BBC Last Night Of The Proms 2010 (STC) Sat 11:30
Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
The Expendables (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat 3:40-7-9:30 Sun 1:10-3:40-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Machete (18A) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
The Other Guys (14A) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Takers (14A) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:40-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:20 Wed 9:20 Thu 6:40-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Vampires Suck (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

The American (14A) Fri 4-7:10-9:50 Sat 1-4-7:10-9:50 Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri 3:50-7:10 Sat 12:50-3:50-7:10 Sun 12:50-3:50-7 Mon-Thu 3:50-7
Going the Distance (14A) Fri 4:05-7:15-9:40 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:15-9:40 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:15
Inception (PG) Fri 3:45-6:55-10:05 Sat 12:45-3:45-6:55-10:05 Sun 12:45-3:45-6:55 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:55
Resident Evil: Afterlife (18A) Fri 4:10-7:20-9:45 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:20-9:45 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri 3:55-7:05-9:55 Sat 12:55-3:55-7:05-9:55 Sun 12:55-3:55-7:05 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:05

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The American (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:25-10:30
Avatar: Special Edition: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:15-8
BBC Last Night Of The Proms 2010 (STC) Sat 11:30
Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:30-9:30
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:55-10:10
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:20-10:20
Going the Distance (14A) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:05 Thu 4:15-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:25
Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rolling Stones (PG) Thu 7
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:45-10:30
Machete (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:40-10:20
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri-Thu 12:50
The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25-6:35-9:35
Piranha 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:30-10:05
Resident Evil: Afterlife (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Salt (PG) Fri 1:25-4:25-7:35-10:05 Sat 4:25-7:35-10:05 Sun-Wed 1:25-4:25-7:35-10:05 Thu 4:25-7:35-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

HANDOUT

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG) Fri-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:30
Step Up 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05-6:50-9:40
The Switch (PG) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:40-7:10-10 Thu 12:45-3:40-10
Takers (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7-9:55
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Thu 1:15
We Are Family (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:45-9:50

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

The American (14A) Fri 5:05-7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3-5:05-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:10-9:20
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri 5:05-7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3-5:05-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:10-9:20

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The American (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7-9:45
BBC Last Night Of The Proms 2010 (STC) Sat 11:30
Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-3-6:30-9:45
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:50
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-6:35-9:30
Inception (PG) Fri 12-3:15-6:25-9:40 Sat 12 Sun-Thu 12-3:15-6:25-9:40 Sat 3:15-6:25-9:40
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri 12:35-3:45-7:10-9:35 Sat 3:45-7:10-9:35 Sun-Thu 12:35-3:45-7:10-9:35
Machete (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:25-10:10
Piranha 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:35-10 Mon 12:50-4:10-10 Tue 12:50-4:10-7:35-10 Wed 12:50-4:10-10 Thu 12:50-4:10-7:35-10
Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:40-10:15
Takers (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:55

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Going the Distance (14A) Fri 4:25-7:15-10:10 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15
Inception (PG) Fri 4-7:10-10:20 Sat 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Sun 1-4:10-7:20 Mon-Thu 4-7:10
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri 4:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:05 Mon-Thu 4:10
The Other Guys (14A) Fri 4:20-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05
Salt (PG) Fri 7:25-10:25 Sat 7:25-10:20 Sun-Thu 7:25
Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG) Fri 4:05-7:10 Sat 1:05-4-7:10 Sun 1:05-4-7 Mon-Thu 4:05-7
The Switch (PG) Fri 4:30-7:20-10:15 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri 4:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15 Mon-Thu 4:15
Vampires Suck (PG) Fri 7:30-10:30 Sat 7:30-10:25 Sun-Thu 7:30

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The American (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:50-9:40
Avatar: Special Edition 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-4:45-9
Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:35-9:10
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:45
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:45-9:50
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4:20-7:45-10:30 Mon 1-4:20-7:45-10:35 Tue-Thu 1-4:20-7:45-10:30
Going the Distance (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-7:10:15
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-4:10-8
Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rolling Stones (PG) Thu 7
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:30-7:25-9:50
Machete (18A) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:35-7:30-10:20 Thu 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:20
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25-6:40
The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:20-9:55
Piranha (18A) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-5-7:50-10:25
Resident Evil: Afterlife (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3-6:50-9:35
Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:30-7:20-10:15
Salt (PG) Fri-Tue 1:05-4-7:15-10:10 Wed 4-7:15-10:10 Thu 1:05-4-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:10-10:05
Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
The Switch (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-7:05-10 Wed 3:40-7:05-10 Thu 12:50-3:40-7:05-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Takers (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:25-10:15
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:30
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Expendables (18A) Fri-Thu 9
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (G) Sat-Sun 1:50
Despicable Me (G) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 12-3:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-7 Mon-Thu 7
Piranha 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Salt (PG) Fri-Thu 5:20-9:20
The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) Fri-Thu 7
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

The American (14A) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:15-7:20-9:55 Wed 4:15-7:20-9:55 Thu 1:10-4:15-7:20-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Chak Jawana (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:15
Chhevan Dariya (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:10
Dabangg (STC) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:30-10:30
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:10-6:30-9:40
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-9:50
Going the Distance (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:20 Wed 3:40-6:50-9:20 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:25-6:45-10:10
Machete (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:40-10:20
Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-8-10:45
Takers (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:40
We Are Family (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:30

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

The American (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:55
Despicable Me (G) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:35 Mon-Thu 4:35
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:45
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Sun 2:20-4:55-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:35-10:25
Going the Distance (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:05-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55-9:25
Inception (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri-Thu 4:35-7:25
Machete (18A) Fri-Sun 2:25-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:20-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-9:50
Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:10
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Takers (14A) Fri-Sun 1:55-4:25-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:40
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:45
Vampires Suck (PG) Fri-Sun 2:05-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criteriontheatres.com

Listings not available at press time.

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criteriontheatres.com

Listings not available at press time.

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

The American (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:45-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-10:05
Avatar: Special Edition 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 4:15-8
BBC Last Night Of The Proms 2010 (STC) Sat 11:30
Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:50-9:35
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-7-9:55 Mon-Wed 3:50-7-9:55 Thu 3:50-9:55
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:40-6:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-10:10
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:45-10:25
Going the Distance (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:15-10
Inception: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10:15 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10:15
Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rolling Stones (PG) Thu 7
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20
Machete (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:05-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:50-10:30
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:55 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:55
The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:55-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:20-10
Piranha (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25
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Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:35-10:20
Salt (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:40-10:15
Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG) Fri 1-4-7:30-10:30 Sat 4-7:30-10:30 Sun 1-4-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4-7:30-10:30
Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
The Switch (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:25-10:15 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:25-10:15 Wed 7:25-10:15 Thu 4:10-7:25-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Takers (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-7:10-10:05 Mon-Tue 3:30-7:10-10:05 Wed 7:10-10:05 Thu 3:30-7:10-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
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The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 9:45

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Making women feel safe

- **Former Bollywood actress founded group to help women who have been sexually and physically abused**
- **Clothing company helps fund organization**

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▶ Somy Ali has gone from being an actress to helping abused women build new lives.

Years after Somy Ali left her glamorous life as a Bollywood actress, she heard a knock on her door from a Bangladeshi neighbour, asking for help.

The woman said she'd been sexually and physically abused for a decade by her husband, his father and his brother. Ali paid for the woman's apartment and divorce.

"I said 'There have to be more women like this,"' Ali said.

So she founded a not-for-profit organization called No More Tears Inc. in 2006. So far it has helped 48 women. Ali funds her organization in part by giving 10 per cent of the revenue from her clothing company, So-Me Designs.

"These people have become part of my family," she said. "There is nothing more gratifying than rescuing a woman."

Ali's own life reads like a Bollywood script. She grew up in an opulent 26-room mansion in Karachi, the daughter of a Pakistani movie producer father and an Iraqi mother. When Ali was nine, she moved to Florida with her mother and brother.

At 15, she decided that she wanted to marry actor Salman Khan, whom she calls "the equivalent of Brad Pitt in India," and that she wanted to move to India.

> **"I really enjoy helping them in the respect that they know that there is somebody out there who listens to their case and fights for them"**
> SAMAN MOVASSAGHI

Eventually, she got her way. While in a Mumbai hotel lobby, a producer's assistant spotted her and launched her career in film. Soon after, Khan saw her at an agency by chance and cast her in a movie.

Her Bollywood romance lasted a few years, but Ali soon broke up with Khan and came to back to Florida at age 24.

Now, at 34, she is trying to get the message out to victims of abuse. She puts her brochures in mosques, churches, and ethnic grocery stores, and even in Indian and Pakistani restaurants.

"If you want to help someone, it comes naturally," she said.

She meets the women in public places because she is afraid of being followed home, and usually helps the women financially for three to six months. Some women have been helped for a year. She also makes sure they get counselling.

Currently, she said, she has only $50 in the bank, so in October she is expanding her So-Me Designs that help fund No More Tears. So far, she has designed T-shirts (for $24.99 each), baby shirts ($26) and hoodies ($45). The new collection includes dresses (starting at $150) and formal tops (starting at $60).

Each T-shirt has a design Ali created with the help of her graphic artist, who is also a woman she has helped. The most popular design is a clipboard with boxes to tick off either White, Black, Hispanic or Human.

Ali says as a child she would cross out the "other" in such questionnaires and write the word human instead.

"I consider myself a Muslim," she said. "I pray every night the Muslim way. It's important for me, for my sanity."

She says she would like to go back to Pakistan and help women, but she fears she would be killed or kidnapped.

"I just feel like I have a lot of work to do," she said.

Edith McEacheron, 35, originally from Venezuela, was put into contact with Ali in March after she says her husband left her and their toddler son with no money and no way of getting any. She is now in the final stages of trying to get a work permit and is looking for a job. No More Tears pays for her room and her attorney.

McEacheron says that without the organization, her life would be different.

"I guarantee you one thing, I probably would be in the street," she said.

Saman Movassaghi, an attorney who also helped McEacheron, gives Ali's clients the discounted rate of $500 per case.

"I really enjoy helping them in the respect that they know that there is somebody out there who listens to their case and fights for them," she said. "I didn't go to law school to do traffic tickets ... I went to law school to help people."

Laura Finley, a professor of sociology and criminology at Barry University and a No More Tears board member, donated her purple station wagon to one woman.

"It feels really good to see somebody be safe," Finley said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Colbert celebrates returning U.S. troops

Comedy Central host celebrates soldiers returning from Iraq with special "Returnification" show Guests include Joe Biden and U.S. military commander Gen. Ray Odierno Politics strictly left out

A hot dog vending cart was wheeled back and forth. Cocktail waitresses hurried past with trays full of beer. Vice-President Joe Biden led New York Yankees great Yogi Berra by the arm.

Such was the bizarre, red-white-and-blue circus backstage at comedian Stephen Colbert's celebration of U.S. troops' return from Iraq.

The Comedy Central host pulled out all the stops for the first of his two-episode special on Been There: Won That: The Returnification of the American-Do Troopscape.

It was a somewhat rare show of exultation to what President Barack Obama has called the end of combat operations in Iraq.

On the whole, politics were kept out of the show. "I'm not going to debate this war," said Colbert, in mock pundit character. "It's been seven years. Who can remember who invaded who?" Instead he declared: "Tonight is for the troops."

50,000 troops remain in Iraq where local forces have a tenuous hold on security.

The studio audience was packed with active troops and veterans, whom Colbert lavished with hot dogs, beer and ice cream.

Biden played the part of hot dog vendor, while Gen. Ray Odierno, the outgoing U.S. military commander in Iraq, donned a toupee of Colbert's hair. Colbert opened the show atop a tank, which rolled down the street outside the Manhattan studio, while he pretended to shoot the letter C on a nearby building with the tank's guns.

He may parody conservatives, but his support of the men and women in the military is unwavering.

Live satellite feeds to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan were piped in as well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Stephen Colbert pats a U.S. army tank during the opening of The Colbert Report's special show celebrating the return of U.S. troops from Iraq, Sept. 8, 2010.

Singer felt 'violated' after privacy breach

- American Idol contestant has confidential personal records snooped on
- Multiple public employees in Ohio face felony charges, lose jobs

American Idol runner-up Crystal Bowersox.

More than a half-dozen public employees snooped in confidential state records for personal information on American Idol runner-up Crystal Bowersox, officials said Thursday.

Two workers were ousted after the breaches were discovered, including a star-struck licensing bureau employee who has pleaded not guilty to a felony charge.

The bluesy Bowersox, who grew up in Elliston, northwest Ohio, said the snooping made her feel violated.

"Part of this whole American Idol thing and being thrown into a spotlight, people are going to get curious," Bowersox said. "But I don't think any of the people who participated in it would have wanted it to happen to them or their family members. That's disgusting."

"I don't think any of the people who participated in it would have wanted it to happen to their family." CRYSTAL BOWERSOX

In May, the month viewers awarded her second place on the Fox singing competition, the Ohio State Highway Patrol audited state databases and found that files on her had been improperly accessed eight times, dating to early in the television season, patrol spokesman Lt. Gary Lewis said.

The searches had been done by workers at locations around Ohio, including law enforcement agencies, a hospital, a court and the state Bureau of Motor Vehicles headquarters.

Most of the people who improperly checked on the singer were temporarily suspended or otherwise disciplined, Lewis said.

But a municipal court employee in northern Ohio was asked to resign, and a 17-year Bureau of Motor Vehicles employee was indicted on a felony charge of unauthorized use of property and was fired June 22.

Jay Wright, a 47-year-old BMV customer service assistant, told officials that he was a fan of Idol, that he liked Bowersox's voice, and that his curiosity got the better of him.

He said he never used any of her personal information for financial or personal gain.

"I am truly sorry and now I know better," said Wright, who has pleaded not guilty.

Bowersox says she does not plan to sue.

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Guitarist welcomes baby girl

Rascal Flatts guitarist Joe Don Rooney and wife Tiffany Fallon have a new baby.

Fallon gave birth to a healthy girl named Raquel Blue early Tuesday morning. A statement from Rascal Flatts' publicist says mother and daughter are well.

Rooney says he and his wife "feel blessed and are ready for the sleepless nights ahead."

The couple's first child, big brother Jagger Donovan Rooney, was born in 2008.

The next several months promise to be busy for Rooney and his bandmates. They return to the road later this month and release a new album in November. Bassist Jay DeMarcus and his wife, Allison, are expecting their first child in January.

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Rich Cronin of LFO loses cancer battle

"Every opportunity when his health was in good condition, he was living his life to the fullest." MELISSA HOLLAND, CRONIN'S MANAGER

Rich Cronin — whose band LFO (Lyte Funky Ones) sang the breezy summer hit "Summer Girls" that name-checked Abercrombie & Fitch, — has died after struggling with health setbacks including leukemia and a stroke. He was 36.

Cronin, who co-wrote "Summer Girls," LFO's biggest hit, died in a Boston hospital Wednesday, former bandmate Brad Fischetti said.

"Last summer, when we did our reunion tour, he was certainly having health problems, but he was cancer-free at that time," Fischetti said.

"I don't think it was cancer that took him yesterday, but certainly it all started with cancer."

His manager, Melissa Holland, said: "Rich was an incredible fighter, and every opportunity when his health was in good condition, he was living his life to the fullest, especially in music," she said.

"He always bounced back, and this time it got the best of him."

LFO came to prominence around the same time as the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync, when boy bands were exploding on the pop scene.

LFO mixed singing and rapping with a distinct pop feel; "Summer Girls," was top a five hit in 1999.

The group mixed singing and rapping with a distinct pop feel. Cronin wasn't married and didn't have children

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Last season begins for Oprah

The talk show host's 25th season begins Monday Full of surprises, celebrations and celebrity guests

▶ The Oprah Winfrey show's 25th and final season begins Monday.

The 25th and final season of The Oprah Winfrey Show starts airing Monday and the talk show host says she plans to focus on the people she thinks are responsible for the show's success: The viewers.

"This year you will see lots of surprises for other people, dreams coming true for other people, really honouring the essence of what has made this show work for the past 25 years and that's the viewer," Winfrey said.

"The last season is a celebration of the past 24 years. For me, it is about holding a place of reverence and honour for the people who made this possible for me: That would be the viewers."

"The last season is a celebration of the past 24 years. For me, it is about ... the viewers."
OPRAH WINFREY

Monday's season premiere remains "top secret" with only hints of celebrity guests and a surprise musical performance.

During the remainder of that first week, Winfrey will host country music stars The Judds and revisit the city of Williamson, W. Va., where she filmed a town hall episode about AIDS in 1987. On Friday, she will announce her first book club selection in a year.

Winfrey is set to launch her Oprah Winfrey Network, or OWN, on cable Jan. 1.

The end of The Oprah Winfrey Show will be featured on that network with Behind the Scenes: Oprah's 25th Season, a one-hour series giving viewers a look at the making of the last season of Winfrey's talk show.

Winfrey describes her show, which is syndicated to 145 countries, as having a cultural impact on her viewers around the world.
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Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

DVD
Jake Gyllenhaal's sword-and-sandal film adaption of the popular video game hits store shelves on Tuesday. Bonuses on the Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time DVD include An Unseen World: Making Prince Of Persia.

X-Factor

SINGING
What a week on the British TV show. A nervous-but-talented Cher Lloyd wowed judges — including Simon Cowell — with her rendition of Turn My Swag On. Meanwhile, it was a fight that erupted between duo Ablisa (A.K.A. Abby and Lisa) after their less than stellar performance. Visit metronews.ca/scene to see both auditions.

Willow Smith

Celeb
Look's like there's a new princess on the block. Willow Smith, the nine-year-old daughter of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith has a has signed a deal with Jay-Z's label, Roc Nation. The Associated Press reports.

Gals as guys

MOVIES
Angelina Jolie's turn as a man in her new film Salt had The Telegraph in the U.K. taking a look at women-turned-men film roles. The fun includes Drew Barrymore and Cameron Diaz in Charlie's Angels, Hilary Swank in Boys Don't Cry, Cate Blanchett as Bob Dylan in I'm Not There, and Julie Andrew in Victor Victoria.

America's Got Talent

TV
Someone is about to be $1 million richer. After a season that included actress Gabourey Sidibe's mom as a contestant, America's Got Talent is set to announce its winner next week. Those in the running for the prize are 30-year-old crooner Michael Grimm, 32-year-old showman John "Prince Poppycock" Quale, 10-year-old opera phenom Jackie Evancho and the 13-man performance troupe Fighting Gravity.

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After a decade-and-a-half without new material, Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark (OMD) is releasing a new album on Sept. 28.
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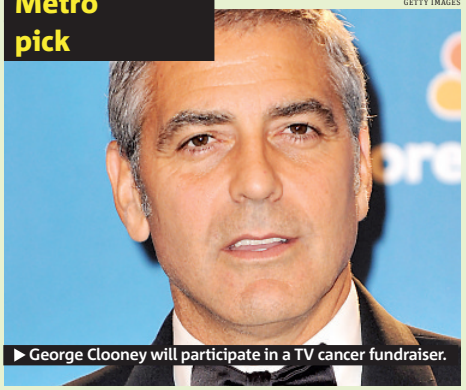
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▶ George Clooney will participate in a TV cancer fundraiser.

Stand Up To Cancer

Benefit
The stars have aligned for another TV fundraiser, this time for cancer. The benefit, which will air on all major Canadian and U.S. networks on Friday night, will feature George Clooney, Will Smith, Renee Zellweger and others in a bid to raise funds for cancer research.
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Mix of Six

Fundraiser

Support Canuck Place by dropping by the first West End Fest and Canuck Place Fundraiser this Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event is at the West End Community Centre on 870 Denman St. and admission is free.

Festival

Celebrate 10 years of media art at the New Forms Festival starting Friday. The festival, which runs until Sept. 18, showcases a mixture of media art, electronic music, and digital culture all in once place at the W2/Storyeum at 151 West Cordova St.

Family

Experience what it's like to be a farmer without having to wake up at 5 a.m. to feed the chickens at the "Day at the Farm" event. There'll be food, tours, and great music. The event takes place at Westham Island Herb Farm at 4690 Kirkland Road, Ladner.

Fair

Enjoy what's left of the sun by attending the ninth annual Southlands Country Fair this Sunday at 7025 Macdonald Street. Admission is by donation, call 604-263-4817 for more information.

Carnival

Get a taste of Davie Street heritage and culture at the Davie Day Street Festival on Saturday. Enjoy a true all-ages carnival atmosphere filled with food, fun, dancing, and circus acts. The carnival starts at 11 a.m., and stretches four blocks of Davie from Burrard to Broughton.

Pets

Walk your dog 3.5 kilometres and raise money for your pet this Sunday. The Vancouver walk will be at Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park. Register through pawsforacause.ca. There will be raffle tables, dog games, and awards for the top fundraisers.

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TV picks

Standing up to Cancer

TELETHON. Celebrities including George Clooney, Gwyneth Paltrow and Will Smith will Stand Up to Cancer tonight in this one-hour fundraising special. Actors, musicians, athletes and journalists band together to raise money for innovative cancer research. Look for appearances from Renee Zellweger, Lance Armstrong, Jane Lynch, The Simpsons, The Edge and Neil Diamond.
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- **Stand up to Cancer.** Fundraising special. **CBC, Citytv, CTV, Global, ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox.**

Sherlock Holmes returns

MINISERIES. The three-part British miniseries, Sherlock offers a modernized take on the Arthur Conan Doyle classic, with Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman of The Office as the detective and his sidekick, Watson. Each two-hour instalment features the intrepid duo navigating a maze of cryptic clues to get at the truth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

- **Sherlock.** Miniseries. **Showcase.**

Of dragons and Camelot

FANTASY. The medieval fantasy Merlin returns Saturday with a second season of new villains and monsters. This time, Merlin faces a formidable opponent when an ancient evil buried beneath Camelot wakes to destroy the kingdom. The young warlock will be forced to question whose side he's on and make a promise to The Great Dragon he may live to regret.
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- **Merlin.** Fantasy. **Space.**

How it all began

TV SPECIAL. If you missed it the first time back in May, the wonders of the universe are revealed in the TV special, Into the Universe with Stephen Hawking: The Story of Everything. The two-hour special airing Sunday explores how the universe began, how it creates stars, black holes and life — and promises to reveal how everything will end.
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- **Into the Universe with Stephen Hawking: The Story of Everything.** TV Special. **Discovery.**

Sexy role isn't lost on actress

New Canadian TV series 'Lost Girl' stars Anna Silk as one very sexy crime-fighting demon ◐ Supernatural thriller sizzles with adventure

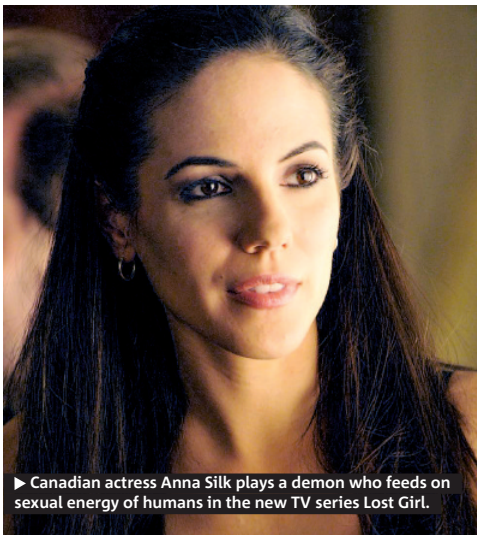
Back when she was a little girl growing up in Fredericton, N.B., Anna Silk used to run around and pretend she was a superhero.

Now she gets paid to dress up and fight crime as the lead on Lost Girl — a sexy, supernatural thriller premiering Sept. 12 at 9 p.m. ET on Showcase.

"I spent an entire summer dressed as Wonder Woman, fighting crime in my neighbourhood," says the 36-year-old actress, who made an impact last season as a temptress on Being Erica.

Silk stars as Bo, a demon who feeds on the sexual energy of humans. Growing up with human parents, Bo thought she was no different from anybody else until she started dating — and drained her boyfriend to death in their first sexual encounter.

The first time Silk read the script she thought, "OK, this is totally written by a guy." But she was surprised to learn that it was actually written by "a very cool chick:" executive producer Michelle Lovretta, who co-created the series with veteran Canadian showrunner Peter Mohan (Mutant X, Blood Ties).



▶ Canadian actress Anna Silk plays a demon who feeds on sexual energy of humans in the new TV series Lost Girl.

Silk, who has guested on everything from Ghost Whisperer to Puppets Who Kill, didn't see herself as the lead character at first.

She saw Bo more as the kind of blond bombshell, sci-fi vixen Pamela Anderson played in Barb Wire. But besides all the sexually adventurous, carnivorous stuff, Silk found Bo to be intriguingly vulnerable and empowering.

"It's a physical series," she said. "There are some big fights, which helps you get into character."

Lost Girl is a Canwest venture with Toronto-based Prodigy Pictures.

"I really hope that younger women watch it and root along with Bo and some of the other characters," said Silk.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Music videos make a comeback on the Web

Music blogs and social media help spread word about innovative videos

It wasn't long ago that the music video was on life support.

MTV — which will hold its 27th annual Video Music Awards on Sunday — phased out videos in favour of reality programming and other shows that attracted better ratings. At the same time, the music industry was collapsing and slashed budgets no longer had room for elaborate clips.

But recently, the music video has had a revival. Watching music videos has become a central aspect of Internet usage. Music blogs and social media have greased the channels, facilitating the quick, easy spreading of videos, especially those with arresting or controversial visuals. People even buy clips on iTunes.

Lady Gaga and Beyonce go on a scantily clad murderous rampage with the nearly 10-minute Telephone; MGMT wanders through the desert with a digitally created creature in Congratulation"; Erykah Badu strips while strolling the path of President John Kennedy assassination in Window Seat; MIA depicts a war on terror against redheads in Born Free.

All of these videos exploded on the Internet and became water-cooler moments. Cee Lo's recent and unprintable hit (titled Forget You for radio) went viral with a video of only its lyrics. And Beyonce's Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It) became so iconic is spawned countless imitators and even had then President-elect Barack Obama imitating the hand choreography.

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▶ Lady Gaga, pictured, and Beyonce go on a scantily clad murderous rampage with the nearly 10-minute Telephone.

"We're entering another golden era for music videos," says Saul Austerlitz, the author of "Money for Nothing: A History of the Music Video from the Beatles to the White Stripes."

"They've become part of the cultural discourse again in a way that's reminiscent of the heyday of the music video, from the early '80s to the mid '90s."

Today's audiences can be enormous. Shakira, who last year debuted a music video on Facebook, was "blown away" when her video for the official song of the World Cup, Waka Waka (This One's for Africa) — a colorful mix of dancing and soccer star cameos — was nearing 100 million views on YouTube.

"It can take on a life of its own online," says Shakira. "And it inspires us artists to be even more creative. With access to so many videos, we need to challenge ourselves to surprise our fans."

The video, which was distributed by the music video and live music website Vevo, has gone on to be watched by more than 173 million people, good enough for the fourth most-viewed video ever on YouTube.

"If it wasn't for YouTube, the online video space would not be where it is today," says David Kohl, executive vice-president of sales and customer operations at the Sony and Universal co-owned Vevo.

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STRONG RELEASES ON FALL SCHEDULE

Sound Check

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With CD sales lagging behind last year by at least 12 per cent, the music industry is hoping that a parade of big-name releases will mitigate some of the damage. The fourth quarter is always make-or-break time. Here's some of what we can expect this month:

Interpol/Interpol (Out now): Dark hipster band from New York releases their fourth album and loses bass player Carlos Dengler. No one is saying why.

Stone Sour/Audio Secrecy (Out now): Slipknot frontman Corey Taylor reconvenes his original band (he was in Stone Sour for five years before joined Slipknot) to record a third album. And given that Slipknot's future is still in doubt after the death of bass player Paul Gray, this may become Corey's full-time gig.

Bachman & Turner/Bachman & Turner (Out now): BTO in everything but name. I saw them perform at the High Voltage Festival in the UK back in July. They still got it. Fred Turner's still got that growl.

Brandon Flowers/Flamingo (Tuesday): While the rest of the Killers are feeling burned out after five years of constant work, their singer seems content to keep on keeping on. Production credits include Brendan O'Brien and Daniel Lanois.

Linkin Park/A Thousand Sun (Tuesday): This is just the band's fourth proper studio album since 1996 and is once again a co-production between Mike Shinoda and guru Rick Rubin. The last record, Minutes to Midnight, went platinum in 16 countries and gold in seven others. Their label, Warner, has a lot riding on this one.

Weezer/Hurley (Tuesday): Since their Ratitude album came out last November, Weezer has been touring, releasing special tracks and recording new material. Hurley—yes, it's named after the Lost character (the cover is a picture of actor Jorge Garcia)—will be the second studio album from Weezer in just 315 days.

Britney Spears fights abuse claims

Pop singer denies bodyguard's allegations of harassment, abuse
Expects suit to be dismissed

Britney Spears denied a bodyguard's accusations that she sexually harassed him and abused her children, saying Thursday in a statement on her website that authorities looked into his claims but found no reason to act.

The statement said the pop singer and her attorney expect Fernando Flores' sexual harassment and intentional infliction of emotional distress lawsuit to be dismissed.

"This lawsuit is another unfortunate situation where someone is trying to take advantage of the Spears family and make a name for himself," the statement read. "The Department of Children and Family Services conducted a proper investigation surrounding Mr. Flores' accusations and have closed the case without further action."

Spears did not say when the investigation was conducted and the department doesn't release details of its inquiries.

Flores claimed in his lawsuit that Spears repeatedly exposed herself to him and made other unwanted sexual advances. He also claimed she used his belt to discipline her young sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James, and acted inappropriately in front of them.

The bodyguard's employment with Spears appeared to be brief — his court filings state he started working for her in February, and by June he was no longer on her security detail.

Flores also sued his former employer, Advanced Security Concepts Corp. A woman who answered the company's phone Wednesday declined to comment and refused to be identified.

Flores is seeking unspecified damages.

Spears' ex-husband, Kevin Federline, has also denied through his attorney that any abuse occurred and called Flores' accusations "baseless."

Attorney Mark Vincent Kaplan told The Associated Press on Wednesday that if Federline believed the children were in danger, he would have stepped in already.

"He is satisfied that the allegations are a product of economic motives," Kaplan said. "They are as baseless as they seem."

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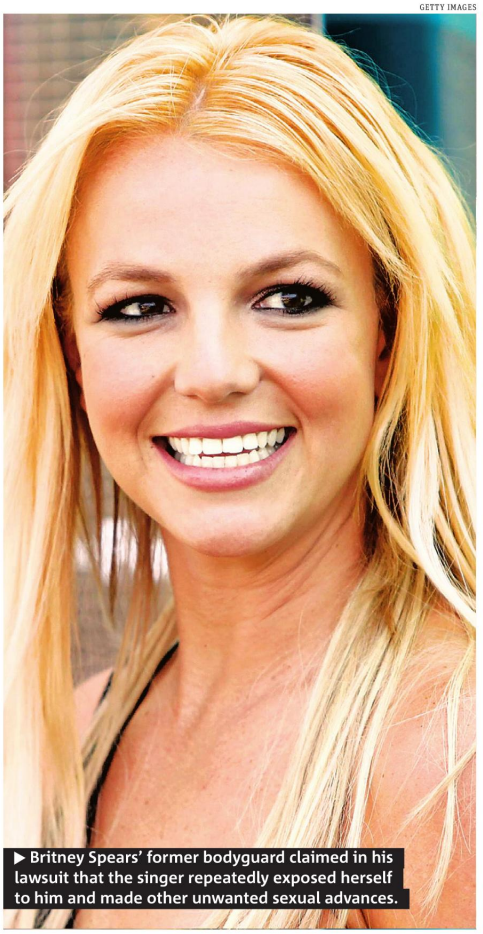

▶ Britney Spears' former bodyguard claimed in his lawsuit that the singer repeatedly exposed herself to him and made other unwanted sexual advances.

In court

- **The first hearing** in Flores' case is scheduled for January 25.

Federline still has custody

Federline has custody of the former couple's sons, but Spears has substantial visitation with the boys.

Spears remains under a court-ordered conservatorship in which her personal and financial affairs are controlled by her father and an attorney, and monitored by a judge. The conservatorship has prevented Spears from being deposed or testifying during previous cases in which she was sued.

Despite a high-profile custody battle, Spears and Federline reached an agreement in 2008 and neither side has sought changes to the custody arrangement in nearly a year, court records show.

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Eminem to open MTV Video Awards

Eminem is not afraid to open the MTV Video Music Awards.

MTV general manager Stephen Friedman said Wednesday that the rapper, who's nominated for eight trophies and continues to sit atop sales charts with Recovery, will open Sunday's ceremony at the Nokia Theatre, which has been transformed with a sprawling white set reminiscent of the out-of-this-world Theme Building at the Los Angeles International Airport.

"We thought that there's no better way to kick off the show than a performance from Eminem," Friedman told the Associated Press.

The enveloping stage design includes a giant rotating billboard, curvy catwalk, circular performance space and two massive video screens that will serve as curtains. The space required about 2,000 orchestra seats to be removed from the Nokia Theatre.

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▶ Eminem

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Investigation moves ahead in Gibson case

Assault and blackmail cases in hands of L.A. district attorney: Source

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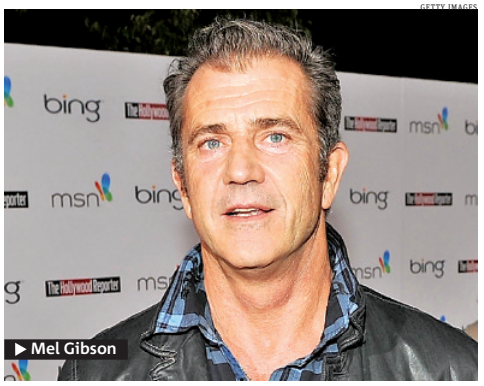

▶ Mel Gibson

Mel Gibson's blackmail case against ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva is moving forward along with her case claiming he assaulted her, according to Radar Online.

"The Oksana Grigorieva investigation was turned over to the Los Angeles District Attorney around the same time that Mel Gibson's case was turned over," a source says.

"A decision will then be made about what charges, if any, will be filed. That will take place within the next two-three weeks, pending possible further inquiries that the District Attorney's office has for law enforcement or other witnesses." METRO

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L.A. SOURCE

Lily expecting a boy

Lily Allen and Sam Cooper are looking forward to the birth of their first child, expected in February, and now pals of the singer are saying it's going to be a boy.

"Lily said she found out from a scan she is having a boy. She is really excited and can't wait to give birth," a source tells the Sun.

"She is always asking other mums about their pregnancies."

As for Allen, she says she's been having a tough time adjusting to being pregnant and it's starting to wear on her.

"The past few months have been a bit tough because I've been sick and stuff, but now everything's fine, because I've discovered soups are the cure to my morning sickness," she tells the Daily Mirror.

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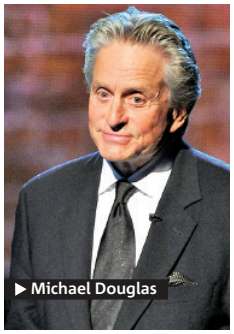
▶ Lily Allen and Sam Cooper

Douglas really enjoying his life


▶ Michael Douglas

Michael Douglas is taking his battle with throat cancer in stride, and he credits his love of sports for his good spirits, saying that cancer "couldn't have picked a better time" at a press conference for Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.

"Tennis has never been better, college football just started and it's been a great weekend of college football," Douglas says of his current time.

"I've got a Monday-night game coming up with the Jets, so sports looks really good."

He told People that he remains optimistic about his treatment.

"Just taking it a day at a time and trying to do my homework with the program." METRO

Talking points

Susan Boyle reduced to tears

SHE IS ALSO, APPARENTLY, BEEN REDUCED TO APPEARING ON SPIN OFF SHOWS Susan Boyle reportedly fled Los Angeles in tears after being denied permission by Lou Reed to perform his song, a Perfect Day, on America's Got Talent, according to TMZ.

Sources say Reed turned down the request because he isn't a fan of Boyle.

When the British singer got word, she broke down crying and was soon seen heading to LAX to get a flight back to London. METRO

Bring on the couch jumping

BUT DO WE REALLY NEED TO HEAR ANOTHER CELEB POUR THEIR HEART OUT ABOUT AN EXPENSIVE DRUG ADDICTION? Lindsay Lohan was expected to tape her first post-rehab interview for the Today show, but sources say the troubled actress is now in talks with Oprah Winfrey to appear on her show instead.

"Things are heating up in a good way," a source tells Radar Online.

"Definitely some good conversations. We're crossing our fingers it works out for Oprah's last season."

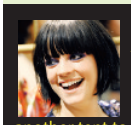
Lohan's people are keeping mum on the topic, saying only, "Several entities are being considered, and no decision has been made and won't be for a while." METRO

Celebrity tweets

Jessica Alba [@jessicaalba] Mornin ya'll already hit the gym eatin gluten free bfast tacos... Anyone else tryin to get healthy? I could use some allies :)

David Archuleta [@DavidArchie] K I want to know who was patient enough to figure out how to fold dollars into shapes of animals and stuff.

Lance Bass [@LanceBass] Mortified! I just ripped a huge hole in my pants bending down to pick up a bag- in front of the whole plane! Fun walk to baggage claim : (


Lily Allen [@lilyroseallen] *looks for another tent to wear*

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Iron Chef Michael Symon is a man who likes to think beyond the traditional sesame seed burger bun

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▶ The Lola Burger from Food Network Iron Chef Michael Symon.

Iron Chef makes some moist burgers

Food Network Iron Chef Michael Symon presents his Lola burger, a super-moist burger made from three grinds of beef and topped with pickled red onions, cheddar cheese and a spicy ketchup — all nestled in a toasted English muffin.

Preparation:

Spicy Ketchup

1. In a 2-l saucepan over medium heat, combine onion, garlic and oil. Saute for about 5 minutes or until just beginning to colour.
2. Add brown sugar, cumin seeds and cinnamon stick. Cook for another 2 minutes.
3. Add both peppers, tomato paste and vinegar. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add water and return to a simmer.
4. Pour through a mesh strainer to remove any solids. Set aside to cool. Makes 250 ml.

Pickled Red Onions

1. In a small saucepan over high heat, combine water, vinegar, sugar, coriander, peppercorns, red pepper flakes and garlic. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.
2. Arrange sliced onion in a medium bowl. Pour liquid through a mesh strainer and into the bowl of onion slices, discarding solids in strainer.
3. Cover and refrigerate for at least 48 hours or (for best results) up to 2 weeks. Makes 125 ml (1/2 cup) pickles.

The Lola Burger

1. If you have trouble finding beef cheek, substitute an equal amount of ground sirloin.
2. In a medium bowl, combine brisket, beef cheek and sirloin. Divide meat into quarters and form into patties. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat a grill to medium-high.
4. Place burgers on grill and cook for 3 minutes per side for medium-rare. After flipping, top each burger with a slice of cheese.
5. Place each burger on a muffin half and top with cucumber slices, pickled red onion, an egg, 2 slices of bacon and spicy ketchup. Makes 4 servings.

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Ingredients :

Spicy Ketchup

- 30 ml minced yellow onion, minced
- 1 large clove garlic, chopped
- 10 ml canola oil
- 30 ml brown sugar
- 10 ml cumin seeds
- 2.5-cm piece cinnamon stick
- 3 cayenne peppers, minced
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
- 1 can tomato paste
- 30 ml cider vinegar
- 250 ml water

Pickled Red Onions

- 125 ml water
- 50 ml white vinegar
- 50 ml sugar
- 5 ml whole coriander seeds
- 5 ml black peppercorns
- 5 ml red pepper flakes
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 large red onion, thinly sliced

The Lola Burger

- If you have trouble finding beef cheek, substitute an equal amount of ground sirloin.
- 250 g ground beef brisket
- 250 g ground beef cheek
- 250 g ground sirloin
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper, to taste
- 4 thin slices cheddar cheese
- 4 English muffins, toasted
- 1 English cucumber, thinly sliced
- Pickled red onion
- 4 eggs, cooked over-easy
- 8 slices bacon, cooked until crispy
- Spicy ketchup

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Super Food

Coconuts

Coconuts are one of the most versatile super foods. According to raw food nutritionist Christina Agnew, coconut water is nature's very own sports drink. Low in calories, the water is loaded with electrolytes such as potassium. Agnew's advice is to go for the young green coconuts rather than the brown for their sweeter taste. Coconut oil, or butter, is made up of medium chain fatty acids, and more likely to be used as an energy source than to be stored as fat. Coconut oil is also great for removing make up and moisturizing skin since it has anti-microbial, anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties.

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Need to bounce back from big workout? Experts say milk better than sports drinks. Scan code for news

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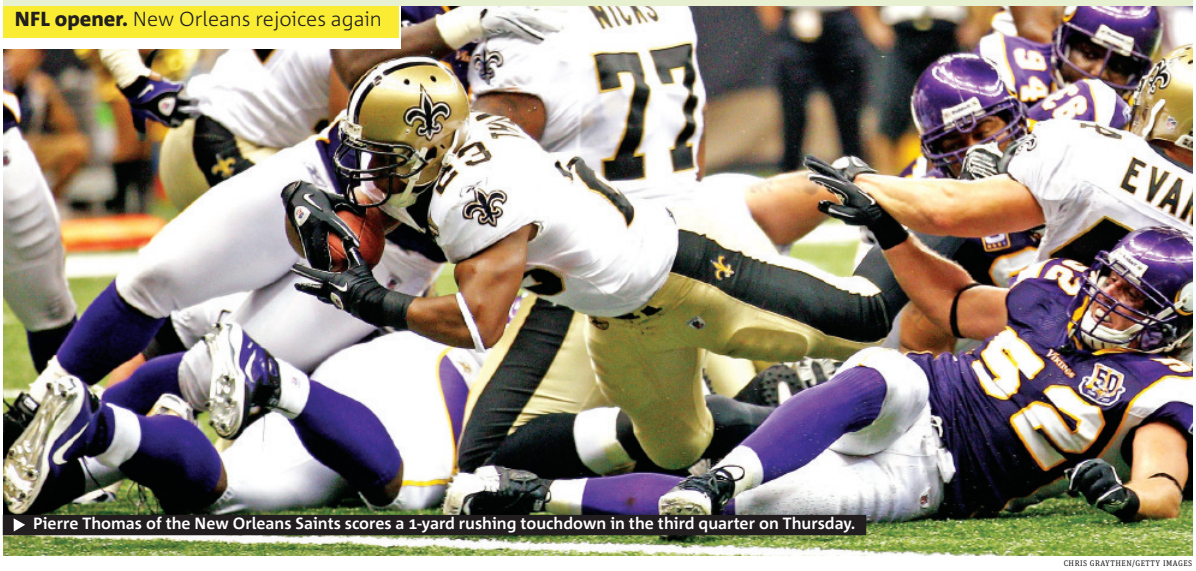
NFL opener. New Orleans rejoices again



▶ Pierre Thomas of the New Orleans Saints scores a 1-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter on Thursday.

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Saints kick off NFL season with tough 14-9 win over Vikings

Drew Brees and the Saints extended New Orleans' post-Super Bowl euphoria for at least another week and handed Brett Favre a second straight loss in the Louisiana Superdome. Brees completed 27 of 36 passes for 237 yards and one touchdown, and the Saints survived a hard-fought season opener for a 14-9 victory Thursday night. It wasn't the most spectacular way to open a title defence, considering it was a rematch of the riveting 2009 NFC title game last January, in which the Saints took an overtime win to advance to their first Super Bowl.

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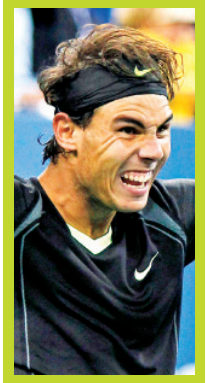

"Right now, for me, it's a very, very nice feeling to be in (the) semifinals for the third time in a row for one of the most important tournaments in the world."

RAFAEL NADAL, AFTER BEATING FERNANDO VERDASCO 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 THURSDAY NIGHT IN THE FIRST ALL-SPANISH QUARTER-FINAL IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY.

"I think obviously the way that she's been playing and the way that she has mentally looked, I think it's maybe been even been good for her to have been away for that long."

KIM CLIJSTERS ON VENUS WILLIAMS, WHO SHE WILL FACE FRIDAY IN A U.S. OPEN SEMIFINAL.

What a day for Mr. Brady

Patriot star QB gets into car accident ◐ Unhurt by crash, he later practises with his team ◐ Finally, he agrees to a contract extension that would make him NFL's highest paid player

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was unhurt in a two-vehicle accident near his home Thursday morning and hours later practised as usual with his team just days before the season opener.

He then agreed to a four-year extension that would make him the NFL's highest paid player, according to a person with knowledge of the contract.

The contract is worth an average of $18 million US per year and begins in 2011, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the paperwork had not yet been filed with the NFL. The contract has a total of $48.5 million guaranteed. Brady is making $6.5 million this season.

The crash, at an intersection in Boston's Back Bay area, knocked over a light pole and sent a passenger in the minivan that collided with Brady's car to a hospital with injuries that were serious but not considered life-threatening, a police report said.

$18M The average value of Brady's deal. It surpasses that of Giants QB Eli Manning, who agreed this year to a six-year, $97.5-million ($16.25 million average) extension starting next year.

A witness told The Associated Press that the two-time Super Bowl MVP was approaching the intersection on a green light when his black Audi sedan collided with the minivan.

The 21-year-old driver of the Mercury Villager minivan, Ludgero Rodrigues, was cited Thursday for failing to stop at a red light, based on witnesses' statements, police said. Two other people in the minivan were able to exit and had no visible injuries, they said.

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▶ Tom Brady at practice yesterday.

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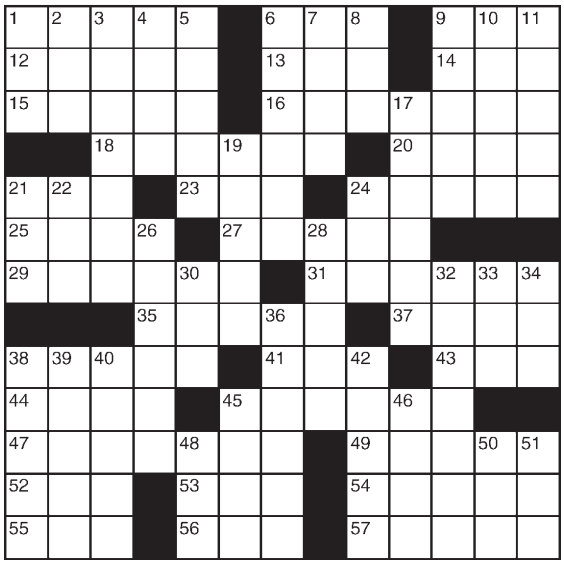

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13 Bill's partner
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15 Sports venue
16 Snickers bar component
18 Epistle
20 Aching
21 Microbrewery product
23 Scuttle
24 Aspect
25 Maze option
27 When pigs fly
29 Prayer beads
31 Geronimo was one
35 Twangy
37 Primary
38 Critter
41 Massage
43 Sra., across the Pyrenees
44 Therefore
45 Barbara Bush's maiden name
47 Glossy coats
49 Relieve
52 Healthy
53 Doctor's due
54 Weeper of myth
55 Witness
56 "The Joy Luck Club" author
57 Loves too much, maybe

Down

1 Support system?
2 Scull tool
3 Brunch entrees
4 Prong
5 Moor
6 Give consent (to)
7 Bellow
8 In favor of
9 Pago Pago's place
10 States with conviction
11 Big brouhaha
17 Guru's retreat
19 Stage statuary
21 Spring mo.
22 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
24 Energy
26 Two-wheeled carriage
28 Worth
30 Snitch
32 The JFK administration, metaphorically
33 That guy
34 Away from WSW
36 Up
38 Complaints
39 Bert's pal
40 Shooting marble
42 Cattle ranch ID
45 Entreaty
46 Advertising award
48 Salamander
50 Rushmore face
51 "Of course"

▶ Yesterday's answer

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YOUR BABY

Mr. Carson! Since hollering from rooftops is soo last season, I just wanted to say I lub ya, ya big lug. Simply cannot wait to see you again, babydaddy!
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The truth must never be denied, so if you learn something that is a little uncomfortable today make an effort to look at it squarely and honestly.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Keep things simple and refuse to be rushed. Certain situations will get a little bit complicated today and you will only be able to deal with them effectively if you keep your head. You'll be one of the very few who do.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may not be able to explain why you distrust someone but your instincts rarely let you down, so don't ignore them. Neptune, planet of illusion, is strong in your chart over the next 24 hours, so watch out for trickery.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may want to pretend that you cannot see what is going on in front of your eyes but you will have to say something about it sooner or later. You are right to be offended.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 The more someone tries to persuade you that what they are saying is true the more inclined you will be to disbelieve them. You know from experience that too much talk often masks too little in the way of substance.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Deliver on what you promised, even if you have to go out of your way and incur extra costs to do so. Your reputation is of the utmost importance and you should be investing in it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Why can no one give you a straight answer? Why does everyone beat about the bush instead of being honest about the current situation? Maybe it's because they believe you don't want to hear the truth.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Stick to the facts and insist that everyone else does the same. If you suspect that friends or relatives are exaggerating in any way you must call their bluff.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Changes on the work front have no doubt been unsettling but if you are honest you will also admit that they have opened your eyes to new possibilities. What are you going to do with them?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will meet someone today whose values are not your values, and the chances of conflict are high. Defend your position robustly but don't let them drag you into a feud that neither side can win.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 As one of the zodiac's fixed signs you can at times be a bit of an immovable object, but if you are smart you will give some ground today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Neptune, your ruler, is energized by Mars today, so you will be in one of those moods where you try to pack into an hour as much as you usually pack into a day or a week. SALLY BROMPTON

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